

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A fence bottom shield comprising:

a first strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom;

a second strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom with said bottom attached to said bottom of said first strip;

a plurality of end tabs having opposing sides with one side attached to one of said ends of said first strip and said second strip;

a tab receiving slot, wherein said opposing end of said first strip and said second strip defines a slot therein to comprise said tab receiving slot;

a fence slot, wherein said sidewalls of said first strip and said second strip define a slot therein to comprise said fence slot;

a plurality of screw holes, wherein said end tabs and said sidewalls of said first strip and said second strip define holes therein to comprise said screw holes;

a first screw having opposing ends with one end inserted through said screw holes; and a second screw having opposing ends with one end inserted through said screw holes.

2. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein said bottoms of said first strip and said second strip are integrally connected.

3. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein the cross-section of said fence bottom shield is generally U-shaped.

4. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein said first strip and said second strip are selected from the group consisting of plastic, steel, aluminum, titanium, wood, and carbon fiber composite.

5. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein said first strip and said second strip are about 6'2" long, 2 in. wide, and 6 in. high.

6. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a screw receiving hole, wherein said end of said first screw defines a hole therein to comprise said screw receiving hole and said end of said second screw is threadedly inserted into said screw receiving hole.

7. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein a plurality of fence bottom shields can be removably connected to one another by inserting said end tabs into said tab receiving

slot and inserting said first screw and said second screw through said screw holes.

8. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 1, wherein said fence slot is adapted to receive the bottom of a chain-link fence.

9. A fence bottom shield comprising:

- 5           a first strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom;
- a bottom tab having opposing sides with one side attached to said bottom of said first strip;
- a second strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom with said bottom attached to said bottom of said first strip;
- 10          a bottom slot, wherein said bottom of said second strip defines a slot therein to comprise said bottom slot;
- a plurality of end tabs having opposing sides with one side attached to one of said ends of said first strip and said second strip;
- a tab receiving slot, wherein said opposing end of said first strip and said second strip
- 15          defines a slot therein to comprise said tab receiving slot;
- a fence slot, wherein said sidewalls of said first strip and said second strip define a slot therein to comprise said fence slot;
- a plurality of screw holes, wherein said bottom of said first strip and said second strip defines holes therein to comprise said screw holes;
- 20          a bolt having opposing ends with one end inserted through said screw holes; and
- a nut threadedly attached to said end of said bolt.

10. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein the cross-section of said fence bottom shield is generally U-shaped.

25          11. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein said first strip and said second strip are selected from the group consisting of plastic, steel, aluminum, titanium, wood, and carbon fiber composite.

12. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein said first strip and said second strip are about 6'2" long, 2 in. wide, and 6 in. high.

30          13. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein a plurality of fence bottom shields can be removably connected to one another by snapping together said end tabs and said tab

receiving slot.

14. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein said fence slot is adapted to receive the bottom of a chain-link fence.

15. The fence bottom shield as defined in Claim 9, wherein said bottom slot is adapted to receive said bottom tab.

16. In combination with a chain-link fence, including a bottom having opposing sides, the improvement which comprises:

a first strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom with said sidewall enclosing one side of said bottom of said chain-link fence;

a second strip having opposing ends, a sidewall, and a bottom with said bottom integrally connected to said bottom of said first strip and said sidewall enclosing said opposing side of said bottom of said chain-link fence;

a plurality of end tabs having opposing sides with one side attached to one of said ends of said first strip and said second strip;

a tab receiving slot, wherein said opposing end of said first strip and said second strip defines a slot therein to comprise said tab receiving slot;

a fence slot, wherein said sidewalls of said first strip and said second strip define a slot therein to comprise said fence slot;

a plurality of screw holes, wherein said end tabs and said sidewalls of said first strip and said second strip define holes therein to comprise said screw holes;

a first screw having opposing ends with one end inserted through said screw holes;

a screw receiving hole, wherein said end of said first screw defines a hole therein to comprise said screw receiving hole; and

a second screw having opposing ends with one end inserted through said screw holes threadedly inserted into said screw receiving hole..

17. The improvement to a chain-link fence as defined in Claim 16, wherein the cross-section of said improvement to a chain-link fence is generally U-shaped.

18. The improvement to a chain-link fence as defined in Claim 17, wherein said first strip and said second strip are selected from the group consisting of plastic, steel, aluminum, titanium, wood, and carbon fiber composite.

19. The improvement to a chain-link fence as defined in Claim 18, wherein said first strip and said second strip are about 6'2" long, 2 in. wide, and 6 in. high.

20. The improvement to a chain-link fence as defined in Claim 19, wherein a plurality of said first strips and said second strips can be removably connected to another by inserting said end tabs into said tab receiving slot and inserting said first screw and said second screw through said screw holes.

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